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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

The DaVinci's annual Fourth of July cookout was a resounding success! We had a full house as 23 DaVinci crew members and guests feasted on hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and dip, macaroni salad, coleslaw, Randy's macaroni and cheese, Margaret's vegetable salad, and of course red velvet cake and ice cream. Connie cooked the burgers and dogs with expertise on her new gas grill and at the rate they were consumed, there was nary a complaint! Guests included Doug, Jan, and Dominic Sleigh from the USS New Hope and Roger's fiancée Linda and her daughter Nita.



Our resident chef, Connie, and her new toy.

Once everyone had had their fill of the great food several awards and long overdue promotions were handed out. Promoted to the enlisted rank of Petty Officer Third Class were Skye, James, Diane, and Benlee. Promoted to Petty Officer Second Class was Todd. Finally, our newest Starfleet member Park had his acting Ensign Pip pinned on by your Captain. A couple of commendations were finally passed out to Randy and Sandy for their work on

the DaVinci's float entry in the 2005 bi-city Christmas Parade (hey, better late than never). Two yearly awards were also given out. Benlee was recognized as Enlisted Member of the Year and Lech as Officer of the Year! Congratulations to all the award recipients.



The DaVinci crew digging into the food!



Members of the USS New Hope enjoying the food.
(L-R: Doug, Jan, and Dominic.)

Once the awards were given out and folks had time to settle down, the highlights of the cookout took place. Everyone was called into the television room for the world premiere of "Homage to Roger", a segment within the 2005-2006 DaVinci DVD put together by Connie to honor Roger and his girls. The laughter and cheers could be heard throughout the house as the photographs appeared on the screen while Elvis sang "I Love Only One Girl" in the background. Roger was quite taken by the whole thing.



Members of both crews enjoying Roger's special "Homage to Roger" video.

Unfortunately (or fortunately) Linda and Nita had left the party and so were not there for the excitement. Remember, if you wish to see this hilarious video as well as the January pieing of Russell and myself and all the DaVinci events from the past year, contact Connie for your copy!

After things had settled down, it was time for fun and games. First up was a game where a word in a saying was represented by the first letter of that word. For instance, "KTE" would mean "Kirk to Enterprise." A sheet containing about 25 sayings from the Original Series was passed out to folks interested in playing for fame and fortune as well as a great prize for the winner. Congratulations to Joe who managed seven correct responses and walked away with the "Star Trek Fan Collective - Q" a 3-DVD set containing all of the episodes from Next Generation, Deep Space Nine, and Voyager that Q appeared in! I tried to get a game of The Great Dalmuti going but there was a severe lack of interest in that area. Too bad because Jan and her crewmates were quite anxious to win back the title I

had won back in March! They even brought the crowns. Oh well, maybe next time.

The final event of the party was the drawing for the door prizes followed by the drawing for the prize of the year. Everyone present won something, which was limited to one prize per membership or family. Congratulations to the following winners:

- Roger – Republican Senator action figure
- Russell – Mission to Mars DVD
- Joe – Autographed George Takei book
- Park – Journey to the Center of Time DVD
- Diane – Buffy as a cheerleader action figure
- Margaret – Starfleet Academy game
- Todd – Voyager poster
- Randy – Kirk and Spock poster
- Lisa – Star Trek Captains poster
- Jan – Star Trek checkbook cover
- James – Star Trek checkbook cover

And, congratulations to the DaVinci's XO, my "Number One", CPT Russell for winning the prize of the year, a framed lithograph of the Next Generation cast. See, it pays to come to DaVinci activities (you get one ticket for each event you attend and that goes into the pot for the yearly drawing, so the more events you attend the better your chances of winning)! A BIG Bajoran thanks to all who came to the cookout and special thanks goes out to the crew of the New Hope for making the trek to attend.

One of our members participated in the Georgia Special Olympics that took place at Peach Lanes on 15 July. Dennis loves to bowl and the crew of the DaVinci made sure that he had a section to cheer him on. Unfortunately, I was the only one there. Dennis managed to take home a silver medal with a 123 average for three games. Congratulations Dennis!

At the July Night Out, eating at a table close to ours was Stacy and Stephanie! It turns out that Stacy is not going to Germany after all and will be staying in Columbus. Hurray! Now if we can just get them back in Fleet and on the DaVinci...

RADM Freddy Heller

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COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

The Trek films and series we all know and love are replete with some eyebrow-raising moments that can lead to some fun discussion. I hope you enjoy these!

1. Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan: What kind of science officer does the Reliant have, to enter the Ceti Alpha system without informing the Captain that an entire planet is missing from the system? Spock loses his eyes as he observes Mr. Scott arriving on the bridge carrying a dying Engineer's Mate. Could Scotty have decided to come to the bridge because Bones seems to spend more time there than in sickbay? Could hailing Kronos before entering the Neutral Zone not solve the Kobayashi Maru scenario, announcing that the ship is headed for shore leave as permitted under the Organian Treaty?

2. Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home: In Deep Space Nine, Dax was concerned about Kira taking the Defiant to warp within a solar system. In Star Trek IV, Kirk orders the bird of prey to go to warp within Earth's atmosphere!

3. "Face of the Enemy" (Troi as Romulan on Romulan ship): Since in Star Trek VI it is pointed out that a Universal Translator can be recognized even by using it to transmit, wouldn't the Romulans have noticed that Troi's lips were moving like in a dubbed film?

4. "All Good Things..." (Series finale): When Picard on Crusher's medical ship went the last time to find the anomaly; it should not have been there: it was moving BACK in time, NOT forward.

PO3 Benlee Huguley

MEMORY ALPHA

This past year's DaVinci slideshow is finally complete! It has been burned onto DVD+R discs, which play in nearly all DVD players. The price is \$5.00 apiece.

If anyone does not have a DVD player and needs one to play on computer in Windows Media Player format, let me know.

There are also historical discs (old leftovers) available for only \$1.00 apiece.

FCPT Connie Heller (Ferengi-In-Training)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We have officially relinquished our Veteran's Parkway adopt-a-highway site. However, we have not totally given up on the volunteer effort. We have exchanged the old site for a new one! As soon as everything is finalized we will let you know where and when the first clean-up and very special surprise will be announced. Stand by to mark your calendars because you will not want to miss this one!

LTCMDR Tony Fleming

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to the following DaVinci personnel, Star Trek celebrities, and events that are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries in August

Neil Armstrong (Astronaut)	5 th
Michael Okuda (Art Supervisor)	6 th
Catherine Hicks (Dr. Gillian Taylor)	6 th
Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko on DS9)	7 th
Matt Jeffries (Set Designer)	12 th
Jane Wyatt (Amanda on TOS)	12 th
First Balloon Satellite (Echo One) Launched (1960)	12 th
ENS Joey Pimentel	13 th
Brannon Braga (Executive Producer Enterprise)	14 th
Julie Newmar (Eleen on TOS)	16 th
First Trans-Atlantic Balloon Flight (1978)	17 th
Harve Bennett (Producer)	17 th
Gene Roddenberry (Star Trek Creator)	19 th
Jonathan Frakes (CMDR William Riker on TNG)	19 th
Diana Muldaur (Dr. Kathrine Pulaski on TNG)	19 th
Voyager II is Launched (1977)	20 th
CADET Hannah Walker	21 st
Kim Catrall (Valeris from The Undiscovered Country)	21 st
Jennifer Lien (Kes on VOY)	24 th
Mariner II is Launched to Venus (1962)	27 th
LT Frazier Smith	27 th
Gates McFadden (Dr Beverly Crusher on TNG)	28 th
Last Crew Leaves Mir Space Station (1999)	28 th
First Black American in Space (Guion Bluford 1983)	30 th

TV SHOWS ON DVD NEWS

Great news! Not only is Star Trek the Animated Series going to be released on DVD on November 21st, but also the price will be a very reasonable \$35.00 for the four-disk set of all 22 episodes!

Image Entertainment has announced the October 3rd release of Twilight Zone—the Complete Definitive Collection! The 28-DVD set will retail

for \$300 but expect discounts of up to \$90 from on-line retailers such as Deep Discount DVD. On October 17th, the sixth season of Charmed will be released. On October 24th, Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea, Season Two, Volume One will be released.

TABULATIONS

We had so much fun at the January pie party that we are going to do it again! So if you missed out getting to pie Russell or me here is your chance to win that honor this year. But wait! Not only will you be able to pie one of the two of us, you might even get to pie one of the Senior Staff! If we can collect 100,000 by 31 December of this year, the entire Senior Staff (consisting of the Captain, First Officer, Operations Officer, Science Officer, and Engineering Officer) will be pied. The finer points of the contest like who gets to pie whom or what if a position is vacant has not yet been decided. This will not be an easy task because it took us nearly 2 years to reach 100,000 tabs. Then again, once the contest was announced last year, over 30,500 tabs were collected in only 3 months! So start saving those tabs and you too may get to "SPLAT" your favorite officer. Here are the numbers as of press time:

Starting Balance	11463
Roger Wright	7200
Tony Fleming	4573
Connie Heller	4092
Russell Ruhland	3550
Karen Pynenburg	2500
Freddy Heller	1582
Rebecca Dunn	1500
Benlee Huguley	321
Total	36781*

*Hey, the Senior Staff might start breathing a heavy sigh of relief because only 4 short months remain and only a little less than 37% of the total tabs needed for the pieing have been collected! Hurray!!

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CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

The next big convention will be the 27-29 October Vulkan in Altamonte Springs, FL. The convention will take place at the Orlando North Hilton and as of now rooms are still available. The guest lineup is impressive – Avery Brooks (Sisko); Jonathan Frakes (Riker), Suzie Plakson (K'Ehelyr), Rene Auberjonois (Odo), Denise Crosby (Yar), Armin Shimerman (Quark), and Walter Koenig (Chekov). Also appearing is Andrew Probert an illustrator on The Next Generation. Avery Brooks and Jonathan Frakes are the headliners with all the others listed as bonus guests. Tickets range from \$250 for Platinum VIP tickets (rows 1-2), to \$125 for Gold tickets (rows 3-7), to \$85 for Deluxe tickets (rows 8-16). As of press time, the front row has been sold out. The Platinum tickets gets you two autographs each from Avery Brooks and Jonathan Frakes and a ticket to the banquet. Gold and Deluxe tickets get you one autograph each from the headliners. All seats are reserved so you can come and go as you like. There are also General Admission tickets available but they do not include autographs or reserved seating. The weekend will be busy with other things as well. These include multiple guest sessions, panels, a costume contest, an auction, autograph sessions, a dealer's room, a film room, crazy games with Sean of the Con, and our Vulkan dance. Of course there is also the famous Vulkan hospitality suite where food and refreshments will be served free of charge all weekend long! Check out Vulkan.com for all the latest information. Plan on attending this great convention. I already have my ticket and hotel reservation and so if you are giving some thought about attending remember, you are more than welcomed to ride down with me and even share my room at the Hilton. Let me know as soon as possible.

ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:

Roger for his donation of coupons, and stamps;
Karen for her large donation of cans, coupons, and stamps;

And finally, to Roger again for taking first place in his age group at the recent Bruster's Ice Cream eating contest! Hey, did you expect any other outcome! Was there really any doubt!

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	275.85
Printer Ink	30.32
Postage	39.00
July 4 meat	14.95
Nights Out	19.32
Closing Balance	172.26

FCPT Connie Heller

NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

At the December Christmas party, the 2006 Night Out locations were selected. We had some familiar locations and some new spots as well. So without further ado, here are the remaining 2006 locations. Bon appetite!

September	Jumbo China
October	New China Buffet
November	Moe's
December	Zaxby's

Congratulations to Lech the winner of the free dinner at Chili's during the July Night Out!

WELCOME ABOARD!

Welcome aboard to the following crew personnel who have recently joined (*) or renewed their membership in the DaVinci (D) or Starfleet (S).

George Pimentel (D) (S)
 Cricket Pimentel (D) (S)
 Joey Pimentel (D) (S)
 Lindsey Pimentel (D) (S)
 Brayden Pimentel (D) (S)
 Joe Perry (D)
 Karen Pynenburg (D)
 Lisa Neal (D)
 Lech Mazur (D)

DaVINCI T-SHIRTS & POLOS

We are swiftly running out of shirts! If you want one you better act quickly before your size is gone. We have no extra large or XX left, only small, medium, and large. Several of you have approached me about obtaining a DaVinci polo shirt. I will be happy to place another order but again I need more than just one or two. So, if you want a new DaVinci polo shirt, let me know the size you want and whether you want a red (operations), blue (science),

or yellow (engineering) trim on the DaVinci logo. Remember, they do run slightly large. The cost should be around \$22-\$27 depending on the size (XX and up are slightly higher). If you want extra printing on the shirt, such as your name or position, that will run you a few extra strips of latinum.

MEMBERSHIPS

Many of you do not know when your membership in the DaVinci or Starfleet is due for renewal. So to help you remember, the following lists your expiration dates. Pay special attention to those marked in **red** they mean expired or nearing expiration in your membership. Please renew as soon as you can.

	<u>DaVinci</u>	<u>Starfleet</u>
Skye Cameron	Jul 06	
James Carey	Oct 06	
Robert Crosby	Jan 07	
Dutch Cummings	Jul 07	
Randy Dunn	Jan 07	May 07
Karen Ferris	Sep 06	
Tony Fleming	Jul 06	Jun 07
Diane Franklin	Dec 06	
Eldred Hightower	Dec 06	
Benlee Huguley	Dec 06	
Todd Kes	Oct 06	
Leiko Koone	Oct 06	Oct 06
Lech Mazur	Jul 07	May 06
Margaret McGillicuddy	Mar 07	Sep 06
Lisa Neal	Jul 07	
Barbara Paul	Jan 07	Aug 07
Joe Perry	Jul 07	Nov 06
George Pimentel	Jul 07	Jun 07
Karen Pynenburg	Jul 07	May 07
Russell Ruhland	Aug 06	Aug 06
Park Scully	Jul 08	Jul 07
Dennis Shaw	Jul 07	May 07
Frazier Smith	Jun 06	Jun 06
Gisela Stephens	Jan 07	Sep 06
Michael Walker	Mar 06	Mar 07
Vanessa Winfield	Jun 06	Jun 06
Roger Wright	Jul 06	Sep 06

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RM HOUSE NEEDED ITEMS

Although The Ronald McDonald House needs quite a variety of items, the items needed most are listed below. Pick something from the list and bring it with you to each meeting. This is strictly voluntary. Thanks!

Most Needed Items

Grocery Gift Certificates	Solid Queen Sheets
Styrofoam Cups (20oz)	Sugar
Spray Air Freshener	Trash Bags (35 gal)
Twin/Queen Mattress Pads	Heavy Paper Plates
Storage/Freezer Bags	Interior Flood Lights
Swiffer Wet Sheets	Gladware Containers

Household Items

Laundry Detergent	Ready to Make Desserts
Fabric Softener	Bags of Hard Candy
Bathroom Cleaner	Vegetable/Olive Oil
Pine Scented Cleaner	Cake Icing
O'Cedar Mops	Cake/Brownie Mixes
Dryer Sheets	Lemonade
Sting Mops	Salad Dressing
Carpet Cleaner	Soups
Bathroom Cups	Box Dinners
Spray Starch	Brooms
Windex	409 Cleaner

Miscellaneous Items

Mailing/Scotch Tape	Sewing Kit/Scissors
Copy Paper	Clasp Envelopes (9x12)
Disposable Cameras	Phone Cards (15 min)
White Out Pens	Sam's Gift Certificates
Card Stock Paper	Clear Storage Containers
Avery 5160 Labels	AA, C, D, and 9-Volt Batteries

NOTE: They currently have a need for canned soups, and perishable items such as bread, meats, cheese slices, fresh fruits, and snack foods.

THE USS DAVINCI IN PHOTOS

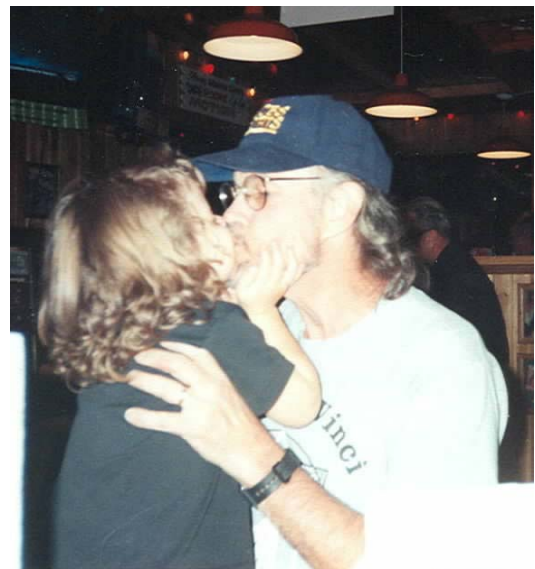
I thought everyone would enjoy a look down memory lane. Each month I will show a series of photographs from our very beginning, as the Shuttle DaVinci, up until the present time. Many of you will remember these faces. To others they will be complete strangers. But, they made what the USS DaVinci is today. Enjoy! Reminisce.



Roger and Freddy pose with the girls during the Night Out at Hooter's. Freddy! The camera is over here! (11 November 2001)



That is much better!



Freddy gets a kiss from his little Hooter's Girl, Ariana.



The crew digs in at our Sixth Annual Thanksgiving Dinner (17 November 2001)



“Well, if you can take mine, I can take yours”, says Josh as he takes a picture of Freddy.



The crew digs in! Clockwise L-R: Russell, Josh, Connie, Roger, Nicholas, Johnny, Tony, and Roger.



Ariana gives a big hug to her “boyfriend” Roger!



Lech, Joe, and Margaret relax after the meal and discuss the future of Star Trek.



Connie, Roger, and Nicholas finishing up their dinner.



Rose cuts herself a “small” piece of peach pie to complete her dessert trio!



Joe checks out the goodies on the Captain Table.



Travis and Roger try to figure out how to work the dueling Star Wars figures.

DaVINCI STAFF ROSTER

Commanding Officer Freddy Heller 562-8735

Executive Officer Russell Ruhland (334) 298-3998

Operations Officer Joe Perry 327-5888

Finance Connie Heller 562-8735

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Publications Freddy Heller 562-8735

Science Officer Lech Mazur 596-9542

Computer Science Vanessa Winfield 718-6239

Counselor Russell Ruhland (334) 298-3998

Medical Barbara Paul (478) 929-3210

Morale **VACANT**

Engineering Officer **VACANT**

Communications Chief Benlee Huguley
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Quartermaster Randy Dunn (334) 291-0150

Security Roger Wright 687-8052

Marine OIC Frazier Smith 718-6239

Cadet Corps Commander **VACANT**

Master Chief Petty Officer **VACANT**

Interested in a position within the ship? See Joe or Freddy at any of the DaVinci events or give them a call. All numbers are in the 706 area code unless otherwise noted.

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FINALLY...

I was quite happy when I received an email from George Pimentel a former member who moved to Tennessee. Anyway, he let me know that he rejoined his family in Starfleet and is planning on rejoining the DaVinci family! The big news is that he and his wife, Cricket, have renewed their vows and what better place to do that than the Star Trek Experience at the Las Vegas Hilton! Congratulations George and Cricket and welcome back to the DaVinci family!



“Engage,” says George as he and Cricket stand on the bridge of the Enterprise following their vows.

Check out the first poster for the new Star Trek Movie! Three versions of this image are available now as desktops and AIM icons. See startrek.com.



CARGO BAY

For Sale: Hundreds of Star Trek, Star Wars, and other miscellaneous female action figures. Low prices! The more you buy the more you save. Call or email Freddy for a complete list!

For Sale: Miscellaneous Star Trek items. Comics, magazines, commercial items, toys, you name it I probably have it! Low prices. Call or email Freddy for a complete list!

For Sale: If you have been to Freddy and Connie's house you probably noticed the large collection of Liberty Falls houses. Well, they are for sale! Check with Connie for your needs.

Autographs: Looking for that certain autographed photograph of your favorite Star Trek or other sci-fi personality? Check with Freddy. He just may have what you need.

Want to put an ad in the Pilot? Just send it to me and it will go in. Does not matter what it says – wanted, for sale, or something more personal! Deadline is the 20th of each month.

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